

**Crime against Women**

2435. DR. M.N. DAS: will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing trends in bride-burning, dowry-torture and dowry-deaths during the last few decades; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take stern measures to put down this abominable social evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Status of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library Project**

2436. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have released an amount of Rs. 5.5 crore during 1992-93 to the project of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library on Janpath, New Delhi, besides allotting about four acres of land on Janpath, New Delhi for this Project during April, 1994;

(b) if so, the action taken to take physical possession of the land allotted and utilization of funds released for this Project;

(c) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the present status of this Library Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The Government of India released an amount of Rs. 5.50 crores for setting up of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Public Library. Ministry of Urban Development allotted envelopes no. 6 and 7, which included Bungalow No. 13, 15, 17, 19